

*L*ester Edward Schimmel was born in rural Day County, SD to Ervin and Erline (Wadleigh) Schimmel on January 26, 1935. He attended Bristol High School and graduated in 1953. After high school, he worked for a farmer in the area, drove gravel truck for road construction, and carpentry work.

Lester married Violette McCrea on October 24, 1956, at American Lutheran Church in Webster, SD. They resided in Kilborn Township, Grant County. He enlisted for draft into the United States Army. He joined the service on April 4, 1957, and served two years. He was honorably discharged on April 4, 1959. Upon his discharge, Lester and Violette farmed in Kilborn township until 1977. Lester later worked in the construction field for Wilmot Lumber, Reiner's and then a firm in Marshall MN. In 1980, he started his own construction business which he owned until 2010. Lester had a stroke that forced him to retire.

He enjoyed spending time with family, playing cards, and visiting with people, but most of all he loved to fish! In the spring of 2016, the couple moved to Rita's Elderly Home Care in Milbank, where they resided until illness forced Lester to transfer to St. Williams Care Center.

He is survived by his wife, Violette, his two children: Karla Boone, Blomkest MN; and Kevin (Sheila) Schimmel, Webster SD; his five grandchildren: Josh (Erika) Boone, Shelby (Matt) Deering, Kelsey (Trecy) Zirbel, Kayla and Jared Schimmel; his two great grandchildren: Teagan Zirbel and Natalie Boone. Lester was preceded in death by his parents, Ervin & Erline Schimmel; a stillborn brother; and son-in-law, Roy Boone.

*Lester Edward Schimmel*  
*January 26, 1935 - April 5, 2018*







*Gone Fishing*

I've finished life's chores assigned to me,  
So put me on a boat headed out to sea.  
Please send along my fishing pole  
For I've been invited to the fishin' hole.

Where every day is a day to fish,  
To fill your heart with every wish.

Don't worry, or feel sad for me,  
I'm fishin' with the Master of the sea.

We will miss each other for awhile,  
But you will come and bring your smile.  
That won't be long you will see,  
Till we're together you and me.

To all of those that think of me,  
Be happy as I go out to sea.  
If others wonder why I'm missin'  
Just tell 'em I've gone fishin'

Dalmar Pepper

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Lester Edward Schimmel*

WHO WAS BORN

January 26, 1935

Day County, South Dakota

AND CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME

April 5, 2018

Milbank, South Dakota

FUNERAL SERVICE

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.

Living Word Lutheran Church

Milbank, South Dakota

OFFICIANTS

Rev. Kent Groethe

Rev. Dr. DeVernSchwenn

MUSICIANS

Paul and Verla Peterson

CASKET BEARERS

Rodney Thaden Kenneth Wiese David Kruger

Paul Peterson Gary Sauer David Dashiell

HONORARY BEARERS

Staff at Rita's Homecare

MILITARY HONORS

American Legion Birch-Miller Post #9

V.F.W. Grant County Post #3486

V.V.A. Northeast SD Chapter #1054

D.A.V. Chapter #19

INTERMENT

Milbank Cemetery

Milbank, South Dakota

APPRECIATION

Lester's family is grateful for your attendance at this service.

Your many expressions of kindness and love are deeply appreciated. Following the interment, please join the family for food and fellowship in the church dining room.

ARRANGEMENTS BY

Mundwiler Funeral Home - Milbank, South Dakota